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- _____ 1. Some people keep Valentine's Day by sending heart-shaped cards to friends.
- _____ 2. Sharing valentines with others can brighten a wintry February day.
- _____ 3. The custom of celebrating Valentine's Day stretches back a long way.
- _____ 4. Many historians believe that the holiday sprang from an ancient Roman custom of honoring two brothers by the name of Valentine.
- _____ 5. An activity that belongs to another holiday is coloring eggs.
- _____ 6. Easter is often associated with the blooming of spring flowers.
- _____ 7. In Christian traditions, Easters marks the rising of Jesus from the dead.
- _____ 8. At the same time as Easter, Jews observe Passover by preparing a special meal, a *sedar*.
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- _____ 2. Various states enjoy observing Arbor Day any time from December to May.
- _____ 3. Tennessee is celebrating Arbor Day on the first Friday of March next year, March 3.
- _____ 4. Most people would agree that respecting mothers is important every day of the year.
- _____ 5. In 1914 Congress approved reserving a specific day for mothers.
- _____ 6. The second Sunday in May is the day set aside for remembering Mom.
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- _____ 8. By decorating the graves of soldiers, we honor their memories.
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